Work Done Without Permits

Work regulated by the state building code done without permits and inspections is a violation of state law. To remedy such violations-

- 1. A building permit application for the work must be submitted along with fees, specifications, and plans that are drawn to scale and dimensioned.
- 2. All work, plans, and specifications shall meet the building code requirements in force at the time of application for the permit.
- 3. The project must meet the current requirements of other regulatory agencies and departments such as zoning, wetlands, health, fire, and engineering.
- 4. Un-permitted work that cannot conform to all requirements shall be removed.
- 5. Footings, piers, and foundations must be excavated so that depths, soil conditions, and materials can be inspected.
- 6. Concealed work must be exposed for inspection. Framing, insulation, electrical wiring, plumbing, and other concealed work that cannot be inspected will not be approved.
- 7. Final inspections and permit closure are required when all permitted work is complete.

Abandoned Permits

- 1. Every permit issued shall become invalid unless the work authorized by such permit is commenced within 180 days after its issuance, or if the work authorized by such permit is suspended or abandoned for a period of 180 days after the time the work is commenced.
- 2. Work started with a building permit but not completed or completed without all inspections must have the remaining or un-inspected work re-permitted.
- 3. The remaining work must meet the current requirements of other regulatory agencies and departments such as zoning, wetlands, health, fire, and engineering.
- 4. The work inspected before a permit was abandoned may not need reinspecting.
- 5. Work done after the last inspection shall meet the building code requirements in effect at the time of the new permit application.
- 6. Concealed work not previously inspected must be exposed for inspection. Framing, insulation, electrical wiring, plumbing, and other concealed work that cannot be inspected will not be approved.
- 7. Final inspections and permit closure are required when all permitted work is complete.

The information contained herein is of a general nature and not meant to take the place of the building codes, which are comprehensive and often detailed. Building permit applications will be reviewed for code compliance after submission. Additional requirements may apply based on the scope or nature of the project.